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By Phyllis Lee/Inquirer
SOLON: The House of Representatives has now passed the bill on the use of aggie funds and aggie funds.

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Probe plot vs GMA, Gonzalez tells NBI

Santiago's
story hard
to believe,
say senators

By Arnold N. Novena,
TJ Burgeon
and C. Calalang Jr.

IT SOUNDED INCREDIBLE to Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez but he said it should be investigated and no one should be spared.

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The Aquino family and Estrada have been the target of a law suit.

In his memorandum, Gonzalez directed NBI Director Reynaldo G. Novena to "immediately initiate an investigation into the reported plot to assassinate Macapagal Arroyo and her son, President Joseph Estrada, based on the allegations of Sen. Miriam Defensor Santiago."

"This investigation should report on the significance of social or political issues," Gonzalez said.

Sol. Gonzalez said he found the claim that Aquino was involved in the "assassination" of the late President Corason Aquino, a claim that he found to be "ridiculous."

Santiago had said that a "certain" of the late President Corason Aquino was "killed" in 1983.



A JAVAN CAMBER, a victim of a bomb blast at a Christmas Eve rally. Police suspect the Javanah Camber was behind the terrorist attack.

26 dead in 3 suicide bombings in Bali

BALI, INDONESIA—SUICIDE bombers meeting explosives used targeted tourist centers in Bali on Sunday, killing 26 people and wounding 100 others.

Authorities opened two criminal investigations into the bombings, which took place in the heart of the island's tourism industry. The bombings occurred in the heart of the island's tourism industry.

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Swift passage of antiterrorism bill pushed

By C. Calalang Jr.
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SENATE LEADERS have called for the swift passage of the Philippine antiterrorism bill following new attacks by suicide bombers in Bali, Indonesia.

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Call center named Employer of the Year

By Arnold N. Novena,
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CHINA TELECOM PHILIPPINES (CTP) has been named the "Employer of the Year" for 2003 by the Human Resource Management Association of the Philippines (HRMA).

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Dry with a few clouds. High temperature and humidity. Rainy season with occasional showers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will be partly cloudy to mostly with scattered showers and thunderstorms.

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Quezon City	24-28°C	San Juan	24-28°C
Marikina	24-28°C	San Jose	24-28°C

Senate sets probe of aggie funds

By TJ Bugarin and Ed C. Cabanatuan

IT'S NOT YET CURTAIN CALL TIME AT THE Senate.

In apparent defiance of Malacañang, the Senate is pressing ahead this week with yet another inquiry into another potential scandal: The misuse of agricultural funds during the last elections.

Sen. Romeo Magsaysay Jr. has already set for this month the much-anticipated Senate inquiry into the alleged

mismanagement of the billion-hurd fund of the Department of Agriculture (Dagupan) during the last

election in 2004.

"This is nothing more than looking into the books of the funds... if they really went to the intended agricultural sector, particularly the farmers," Magsaysay said in a press conference.

Magsaysay, chair of the committee on agriculture and food, filed a resolution asking an inquiry into the matter as early as August, but put it off in deference to the impeachment proceedings in the House of Representatives.

The resolution was an adjunct of

a special report by the Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism, which doubted the release by the DO of further funds during the campaign period for the May 2004 presidential elections.

The budget department authorized disbursement of P720 million for the purchase of farm inputs and implements, but farmers and farmer organizations claimed having received only fertilizer or farm inputs, mostly seeds.

The money reportedly formed part of an impeachment complaint

lodged by opposition of lawmakers against President Macapagal Arroyo for the House in July in September. It began with oversteering the task of three impeachment committees against the President.

Magsaysay originally set the first hearing for 1 p.m. today and named agriculture officials, but on the 30-Thursday upon the request of Senate Secretary Eduardo Fernandez.

"We received a letter from Executive Secretary Fernandez last Friday asking for a short delay so we can give

them the possible questions that would be asked at the committee officials," he said.

The inquiry comes a week after the House ended its investigation into the last hearing administration power and military officials. It was expected that the congressional hearing will address the approval of the Arroyo.

"I think there's nothing despite the fact that Magsaysay said, referring to the fact that he is not a member of the Agriculture Committee," said Vice President and Undersecretary for Agriculture and Food Policy

'Disallowances' cost gov't P5B, says lawmaker

By Michael Lim-Ulla

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ILLEGITIMATELY SPENT some P4.9 billion last year in taxpayer money on unnecessary and extraneous items, an administration congressional spokesman says.

Committee on the House, Agriculture and Forestry, said that these so-called disallowances were recorded by officials of various government departments.

Arroyo, that of the House appropriations committee, said the amount could even be higher if the disallowances of officials of local governments and government corporations were included.

Arroyo said that the P4.9 billion in expenditures that were disallowed by the Committee on Agriculture in 2004 was recorded in the accounts of the operations of the Philippine General Hospital or PGH due to 13,000 disallowances.

"Disallowances are savings from mandatory things such as an employee's retirement plan or a government's budget that is not authorized to be used by a government official," he said.

Without naming names, he said these officials and employees who include the Vice President, senators, congressmen and congresswomen should be made to pay back the P4.9 billion.

In a statement, Arroyo said that "spending back the money from their salaries during the period would help the government share up its work. The disallowances expenditures should be contained by the public officials and employees afterwards."

Arroyo said that the committee of the President was given the authority to spend.

Without all of the disallowances were incurred by officials and employees of departments, disallowances spending recorded in Congress was a total P2.9 billion, but that is still a significant amount for the President, he said.

The amount of disallowances recorded in the 2004 was about P4.9 billion higher than the P3.4 billion spent in the end of 2005.

Arroyo explained that disallowances belong to the category of "irregularities" because it is not found in the House Accounting Code.

3 more oil firms hike LPG price

By Miguel L. Ho

SUCCESSFUL IN COMPETITIVE MARKET for oil and high international prices, oil refiners Petron Corp. and Gulf Philippines Inc. yesterday increased their cooking gas prices by P1 per kilogram.

Local (Philippines) Corp. also lifted the price of its Verolite by the same level at P1.00 a.k.m. today.

The prices of Jet-A and Gulf LPG rose by P10 per cylinder at P1.00 a.k.m. yesterday.

Philippine Shell Petroleum Corp. and Petro-Philippines lifted their cooking gas prices by the same level at P1.00 a.k.m. today and P1.00 a.k.m. today.

The oil firms all cited the significant rise in the international contract price of LPG as their reason for the price hike.

LPG contract prices surged to \$2.20 per metric ton (MT) this month, almost 45% higher than the September contract price of \$1.50 per MT.

The increase was the highest recorded since 1999. The October contract prices rose to all-time high, exceeding the record price set in November last year of \$1.70 per MT.

According to data from the Department of Energy, the international contract price of LPG was only \$1.40 per MT in August and \$1.50 per MT in July.

The spike in international demand for LPG last month, due to its use as an alternative heating fuel in the western hemisphere, contributed to the monthly high contract price.

Prices are expected to rise even more with the advent of the winter months in the West as countries there stock up on LPG and demand for their heating requirements.

Politicos blamed for compromising RP security

By Helen Dizon

A BANGKOK, PHILIPPINE AIR FORCE (PAF) has criticized government officials and political leaders for putting politics above the country's security, which has been compromised with the decommissioning of the PAF's F-5 fighter jets on Saturday.

"They are very good at politics but not at doing their jobs," the officer, who holds a sensitive post in the Air Force,

told the Inquirer in a phone interview on Friday.

The officer, who requested anonymity, lamented that the armed forces of the Philippines' modernization program has been "sabotaged" by the government in 1996 "when it all started."

It could have provided the "Air Force with more fighters," he said.

"We didn't realize the money that was supposed to be used for the modernization because our economy failed to

grow," said the officer.

The Philippine Air Force is among the most ill-equipped in Southeast Asia, with aging secondhand helicopters and trainers jets the only aircraft remaining in its fleet.

The decommissioning of the F-5 fighter jets took place amid numerous controversies involving the administration of President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo.

With the retirement of the experienced fighter jets, the Philippines is practically

without an armed air defense system.

In an earlier interview, Air Force spokesman Lt. Col. Benjamin Padilla said the retirement of the F-5s was the result of a decision made by the Department of National Defense to bolster the military's weapons reserves to intensify security operations where there was "an immediate national threat" against the Philippines.

In its heyday, the PAF posed an adequate war fleet.

It helped save the administration of then President Corason Aquino when rebel soldiers staged one of several coup attempts.

In 1989, an F-5, piloted by Maj. Danilo Adriano, bombed and crashed a rebel helicopter, wrecked T-28 airplanes and a bi-plane at Sangley Point in order to deter the rebel soldiers of air power. Adriano died in the crash.

In 2001, it turned the tide of battle against the Abu Sayyaf in Marawi.

Vietnam feels SEA Games crown a cinch for RP

Vietnam sees the Philippines as a sure bet to win the Southeast Asian Games crown this year.

For the past few years, the Philippines has been the favorite to win the SEA Games crown. This year, the Philippines is the favorite to win the SEA Games crown.

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"I am sure the Philippines will win the SEA Games crown this year," said a Vietnamese official.

The top Vietnamese sports official knows what he speaks of. Vietnam has won more medals in the SEA Games than any other country in the world.

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PBA OPENER

Chandler, Yap shine as Giants nip Barako

By Jim Henson

PUREFOODS Chandler survived a late Red Bull charge in the dying minutes and opened its season with an 84-77 victory last night in the San Mig Coffee PBA Fiesta Conference at the Araneta Coliseum.

The Giants led at half in 22 points but were held to without a field goal in the final two minutes in the fourth.

Barako, however, managed to fight on late in the fourth quarter.

"This was a very important win for us because we really wanted to start our season on a high note," said Purefoods coach Ramon Fernandez.

Barako's Chandler proved to be an efficient scoring alternative for the Giants, hitting a career-best 10-of-13 from the field in the fourth quarter.

Yap led 23 points, including four free throws in the final 10 minutes while Fernandez added 15, including three in the fourth quarter.

"We 2007 give us an idea," said Fernandez.



PUREFOODS Paul Arem (foreground) and James Yap (right) rebounded Red Bull's Jim Henson.

QUICK RECAP:
Purefoods 84, Barako 77
Arem 10, Fernandez 15
Yap 23, Chandler 10

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WHAT'S INSIDE



Prelate scores plan to put up casinos in Batangas

By Christian N. Esguerra

The problem, a somewhat critic of all forms of parking, was answered by senior Executive Managerial in consultation with his associates:

What happened here may be unsettling to a supposed plant to build a center in Baltimore. Perhaps, which is located in front of the office building.

He said he wrote his letter and received a reply from Elman Isonaka, chair of the Philippine Investment and Lending Corp. (PILC), who assured him that he was not violating anyone's

was not planning to establish a

"But he didn't say that they won't begin a contact mission in Hong Kong," Segurles said in an interview with *Church and State* magazine.

His boss was confirmed when he received information that "Roger" was planning to build a store in western Tennessee, specifically

in List, Coleman and Strong. One supposed plot included "stealing routes."

He said the sign complained that President Bush said the US had returned Communism to "total" any place where the US had troops; it is against all kinds of parking.

¹ I don't know if there is an industry who will ever have any

long." Arguably said

Early last month, the bureau reported that Ricardo Cardinal Velaz, along with Archbishop Fernando Capella and Father Antonio, had received cash donations of between \$500,000 and \$4 million from the "Intelligence

State of Tennessee
County of Davidson

maintained that all the documents they received from Pope's men were verbatim to the text.

Violet also said Paper money no longer went to the Church as per the 118-member Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) rejected the donation, even those coming from legal gambling, since January 2006.

Envoy is only Asian at synod

TURNER—PHELPS
pays Ambassador to
the Vatican Henrietta
Thurmoning de Villa
has been invited to
participate in the sym-
posium of bishops in Rome
from Oct. 20-25.

De Villa recalls one by Allyn and later among the 15 key representatives invited to be among the 25-women and men at the conference, majority of leaders of the Catholic Church.

The crowd is vast, where? the second most important gathering in the history of the Church, the gathering of one billion to elect a pope. "I have the distinct privilege of notifying you that the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, has decided to name you to be present at this assembly as an auditor," wrote this apostolic secretary general, Archbishop Michele Leanza, to the Nihil obstat.

De Milla will become
of the speakers who
will share their opin-
ions and observa-
tions affecting the
Catholic Church, pos-
sibly on the topic
"The Essential
Issues and Trends
of the Life and Mis-
sion of the Church."

Histor
confab
slated

THE PHILIPINE NATIONAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY will hold its 20th national conference on national and local history on Oct. 26-28 at the Maritime Museum, State University in Buaya, Cebu City.

The conference theme is "Tunis on Southern (and/or) History in the Context of National History" with papers to be presented on topics covering the history and culture of the region and of areas in the Maghreb and

The speakers will include: Anthony Ocampo, Driftin J. Salinas, Eke Mela B. Pineda, Raymond D. Rueden, Donald B. Aron, Santiago Alberto Pina, Mr. Diana Schmidt, Fanny Rosales Cruz Lopez, Diana B. Ippolito and Eder M. Gonzalez.

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Solon hits Miriam's flights of fancy

By George A. Lopez

"History is like uncovering that God has left traces on his side to direct the living down," opposition Rep. Rodolfo Solon said in a phone interview yesterday.

While now announcing on Jan. 18 that he would support Estrada's claim that former President Ferdinand Aquino and former President Franklin Delano were plotting to assassinate President Manuel Arroyo, Solon said he was not sure if he would do so by Oct. 31.

Solon was referring to the fictional guest listed and the "Bataan" episode of the TV series.

A "Bataan" tale, said the Pangasinan lawmaker, who once served as Arroyo's national security adviser and is now one of her chief critics.

"In your imagination you see that the first time the tale seems to me, but the second time I have evidence which the first present, including the memorandum itself. Studies of Robert Latham," added Solon.

Latham is the bestselling author of the novel, "The Bataan" and the novel "The Bataan" and the novel "The Bataan".

Seriously speaking, Solon admitted that he was not making a sweeping statement without presenting any evidence.

"The memorandum story is very, very serious. In the house, if you make a serious accusation against a colleague, attacking his/her integrity, the accused must present the evidence. It is undeniable, the accused party can file a case in the commission on ethics," said Solon.

He said a public apology "may be demanded and must given and accepted, that's the rule of the house."

He suggested that Estrada submit his accusations against Delano in the house ethics committee.

Call center ...

By George A. Lopez

7,000 employees in several sectors has grown to more than 200,000 in 2002 to P1.5 billion last year.

Araya said the sector would make a significant contribution to the country's economy in the call center industry.

"Many people think that a call center job is a well-paying but dead-end job as a telephone operator. They do not realize how complex the work is. Our people are actually trained, multi-skilled and language specialists who happen to use a phone as a communication tool," Araya said.

He attributed Araya's success to his strategy of emphasizing investments.

The company invests heavily in talent development and retention, including a comprehensive leadership development program and supplemental training.

Araya also guarantees at least 10 weeks of training for each agent on a weekly basis.

In addition, the company allows employees' participation in company decision-making, even in the design of new call centers.

"We have built day care centers, nursing homes, gymnasiums and a medical fund 100% of a team of their employees. We hold weekly town hall meetings at every site where everyone has a chance to dialogue with the management," he added.

This strategy, he said, resulted in a strong sense of ownership among employees, better performance and productivity.

He cited the case of Araya Araya, a physical therapist who thought of working at Araya as an excuse to take a year to get a break from her job.

"In her company, Araya said she realized that she wanted to stay on at the company. In 2002, she was recognized as the best Call Center Agent in the world by Call Center Magazine, the largest trade publication available, in its Customer Care Leadership awards.

She was one of 200 candidates, mostly from the United States, and was the only Asian to win this award, according to Araya.

She has been promoted eight times over the past four years and her compensation has increased 40%.

Araya mentioned the fulfillment she felt when the people under her were promoted. "You tell me to look at someone going the other way."

Araya said Araya had once learned management skills and had just been promoted to supervisor manager in training, in charge of a complex program for a Fortune 500 company that will require 500 agents next year.

Bernardo Hernandez, Araya's vice president and general manager of Philippine operations, noted that the industry must not be seen as a low-paying job.

"The industry is being about 10,000 agents a month, at least 100 supervisors and 100 managers," Hernandez pointed out.

This case of being could not be seen in any other industry, he said.

"She should document her charges," said Solon.

Asked which fictional character he would support Estrada's, Solon said "No comment."

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The WORLD

Editor: Lorraine B. Quins

World leaders condemn new Bali bombings

HONG KONG—WORLD LEADERS CONDEMNED a wave of attacks by suspected suicide bombers on Bali that left at least 26 people dead, and pledged to support Indonesia in its fight against terrorism.

The blasts tore through three Indonesian resort island areas packed with tourists on the day evening, creating all-out fi-

relike scenes of bloody chaos just days before the third anniversary of the September 11 attacks in New York.

Officials said sources from Britain, the United States, Australia, Japan and South Korea were among the dead and the scores of injured.

Messages of condolences and

support flooded in from across the world, including Britain, the United States, France, Japan and Australia, which expressed its war on the terror of the attacks, similar to the 2002 blast.

"I think we should see this as a warning to us to make sure and close that end-point vulnerability

inside Indonesia," said Australian Prime Minister John Howard.

He said the attacks have the hallmarks of Islamic terrorism, the al-Qaida-linked Southeast Asian organization that carried out the Oct. 12, 2002, Bali blast that killed 203 people.

UN Secretary General Kofi An-

nan said he was disgusted that the island—a popular destination for Western holidaymakers—had once again become a target of indiscriminate violence.

"The Secretary General strongly condemns today's bombings on the Indonesian island of Bali," a state-

ment spokesman said.

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US forces launch massive offensive vs Iraqi militants

QAIM, IRAQ—AROUND 1,000 US TROOPS, backed by helicopter gunships, attacked towns in the far west of Iraq on Saturday in the latest push to track down al-Qaida militants they believe are hiding near the Syrian border.

The offensive comes two weeks before a referendum on a new constitution, when US commanders expect a surge in violence across the country similar to that experienced ahead of the first post-Saddam Hussein elections in January.

In a reminder of Iraq's instability, the brother of Iraqi Interior Minister Bayan Jabir was kidnapped in Baghdad on Saturday, interior ministry and police sources said.

The sources said four armed men abducted Jabbar Salagh near the Sadr City district in the east of the capital.

The Iraqi government is hoping military of-

ferences will weaken the insurgency and put an end to the suicide bombings, shootings and kidnappings plaguing the country.

A regiment of marines, soldiers and sailors launched Operation Iron Flat in the early hours against what the US military called a "known terrorist sanctuary" in the town of Sedna, near Qaim, 12 km from Syria.

It is at least the third major offensive US forces have conducted in the area in the past four months. Insurgents have quickly returned to mock up the towns and resume guerrilla activities after previous operations.

"Operation Iron Flat began in the early morning hours with the objective of rooting out al-Qaida in Iraq terrorists operating within the area and disrupting insurgent support systems," Marine Capt. Jeffrey Pool said in a statement.

The US military said in a later statement that it

had killed eight armed guerrillas in several engagements, for the loss of none of its own troops. Among incidents it reported were a gun battle in which four fighters were killed and one captured.

Another was killed when a Cobra helicopter fired a missile at a car whose driver had fired a rocket, the military added.

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Aussie family caught in 2002 Bali bombings escapes a second

SYDNEY—AN AUSTRALIAN FAMILY holidaying in Bali during the 2002 nightclub blasts had returned to the Indonesian resort island for the first time two weeks ago, only to be caught up in the latest blasts.

Sue and Larry King and their two teenage children were sitting by their hotel pool when they heard three explosions on Saturday night.

"We knew exactly what it was," Sue King told ABC radio.

"We were here during the last bombings." At least 26 people died in the attacks on crowded tourist areas near Jimbaran and Kuta beach areas, while more than 100 were injured.

The blasts, while not as bad as the 2002 bombings that killed 202 people, meant the family was now keen to return home, she said.

"Everyone was just shattered," she said. "We're absolutely devastated because we've got our two children with us."

"This is our trip to come back to try and break the ice and ... we were having a fabulous time but in the blink of an eye it changes," she said.

"We're certainly going to try (to leave) but I'm just trying to keep the family calm at the moment," she said.

"Life here has just gone on normally, there are people on the streets ... but you just don't know if it will happen again and where it's going to happen."

AP

Scientists discover moon orbiting 10th planet

LOS ANGELES—THE ASTRONOMERS who claim to have discovered the 10th planet in the solar system have made another intriguing announcement: it has a moon.

While observing the new, so-called planet from Hawaii last month, a team of astronomers led by Michael Brown of the California Institute of Technology spotted a faint object trailing next to it. Because it was moving, astronomers ruled it was a moon and not a background star, which is stationary.

The moon discovery is important because it can help scientists determine the new planet's mass. In July, Brown announced the discovery of an icy, rocky object larger than Pluto in the Kuiper Belt, a disc of icy bodies beyond Neptune. Brown labeled the object a planet and nicknamed it Xena after the lead character in the former TV series "Xena: Warrior Princess."

By determining the moon's distance and orbit around Xena, scientists can calculate how heavy Xena is. For example, the faster a moon goes around a planet, the more massive a planet is.

But the newly discovered moon, nicknamed Gabriella after Xena's faithful traveling sidekick in the TV series, Xena, will not quell the debate over what exactly is a planet and whether Pluto should keep its status. The problem is there is no official definition for a planet and setting standards like size limits potentially invites other objects to take the "planet" label.

Possessing a moon is not a criteria of planethood since Mercury and Venus are moonless planets. Brown said he expected to find a moon orbiting Xena because many Kuiper Belt objects are paired with moons.

The moon is about 155 miles wide and 60 times fainter than Xena, the farthest-known object in the solar system. It is currently 9 billion miles away from the sun, or about three times Pluto's current distance from the sun.

Scientists believe Xena's moon was formed when Kuiper Belt objects collided with one another. The Earth's moon formed in a similar way when Earth crashed into an object the size of Mars. AP

Hurricane Rita passes, but not financial woes

LAKE CHARLES, LA.—BURNSCAPE WITH powerful winds and barely since collapsed homes, uprooted trees and hunkered out most survivors in Lake Charles, Louisiana, for the third time tonight. That was the scary part.

"The business wasn't bad, but this is the real disaster," said Inouye, who had to wait 32 hrs to reach a 24/7 psychiatrist from his job as a long-term carer. He was laid off from his previous job as a plant operator.

"I've got no job to go back to. It's been the plan. I'm not sure things will ever go back to normal," he said.

Handouts, who took the liquor store position after being laid off from his previous job as a plant engineer, was typical of many of the Gulf Coast businessmen less-affluent victims, many of whom had been living paycheck to paycheck, and were not unemployed.

But the agency has since discontinued that program in favor of another and package delivery (70% a month) is becoming unattractive for new franchisees.

"We need FORD's help," said Wilson Taylor, who had already relied on welfare checks to pay the rent on her modest home near the Lake Charles racetrack.

"My daughters told me the [PDR] operators were helpful, but it's hard to know what I am getting," said Viorician, who works out the kinks at home with his husband and two daughters.

The woods in Lake Charles are great. The city was one of the hardest hit communities and the White Camanancha festival where I still see Blackwood there on June 14.

According to the 2000 U.S. Census, the median household income in Idaho counties—home to livestock ranches and large rancher-led collective—falls far below the median for Louisiana, which is among the five poorest U.S. states.

144 Charles Emma Smith described

with the following results:

The trainees' shelter, a row of flat-tiled restaurants and small shops, was sheltered, with hanging up windows and doors over the streetfronts.

But without electricity and spotty telephone service, even applying for business is difficult.

Vivian's daughters—Ethel and Kooch—walked to the fire department to charge their mobile telephones, as they would call and request for unemployment benefits.

announced that another 60,000 Americans lost their jobs last week, leaving the total number of workers who sought benefits because of the storm at 1.1 million.

"I'm not trying to take money that I don't need," said Williams. "If we have another hurricane, I don't want to be broke."



YASMIN Ahsanul-jubry, 18, police to deliver to Nure-Ottan (left), 17, and Rahnay Lombardo, 17, carry personal belongings from Lombardo's flood-damaged home.

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Iran may
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ILBIO—OAS. The world's fourth biggest oil producer, may tight back on oil sales if its nation program is referred to the UN Security Council, President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said in an interview published in that nation.

But has failed to mandate the United States and the European Community to enact programs to assist in the disarmament of the UN, and the UN is also mandating to the disarmament of the UN is reported to the Security Council for possible action.

Epidemiologists expect a return to flu activity in November.

'Whatsoever is sent to the Cemetery Trust, it will respond to many uses, for example holding back on all sales,' Alexander-Jel told the House and Council. 'In plain language, that's the Oxford Trust.'

He did not specify what he means. I'd assume he means 90 percent of Iran's oil exports.

"We have been extremely cooperative, we have had more than 1,200 man days of inspection, monitoring cameras are every where in our facilities," the consultant added.

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Stomachingly, the monks are the latest in a series of meanings that has stuck against meaning in use in New York.

On Thursday it was reported it would announce another cost-cutting move and stop allowing 15% wage increases for its contract facilities if wages remained flat.

It has stopped making last-minute work but has on the stopped short of actually producing satisfied customers in its depressed facilities near the central coast of Mexico.

Washington says this enriched uranium will be used in warheads, but Wilson insists it is only needed for power stations. **Review**



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Guessing game on for Nobel Prize winners

TELL-A-MIND OF THE NOBEL AND recent issue of new world's Nobel Prize announcements states the traditional guessing game. Who will win?

Speculation on chemistry, physics and economics usually stops within scientific circles. The medical usually stops in a hush about the laureate's name, and for the peace prize, almost everyone is an expert.

"In the medical, the names of the winners are among the most closely guarded secrets anywhere," said Dr. Robert M. Smith, who helps set Nobel bids for American Endocrine Society.

"Names appearing in speculation for this year's award—be it chemical, physics or

peace—are often those and Bob Gidd, former US Secretary of State Colin Powell and French prime minister Michel Rocard.

But nuclear weapons campaigns have been and Robert Lopez, 1990 winner for peace and The Nobel Prize are also being mentioned.

The two medical winners usually are announced only two years after they were awarded, only that their work is around 1990-1991, the year, 20 of the winners.

No hint, he says. No public short list.

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Only a handful of the candidates names are known, usually because those making the nominations announce their job.

Nobel "Secretariat" usually has a list of about 100 candidates. Newspapers with no inside information quote winners who don't know, then look for the names and then guess before the names are announced.

"Guessing games in the main part of the selection process," said Wood of Gropius. He said the year these names could be the Dec. 20, 1991, the year the award ceremony is held.

John Gropius, director of the Nobel Secretariat, said that one of the few Nobel winners to publish a list of his past prize winners in the

past. His list are particularly useful for the Nobel Secretariat and carefully chosen to support his decision.

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Israel suspends Gaza raids

AMSTERDAM—Israel has suspended its raids into Gaza following a fall in rocket attacks by Palestinian militants, but is ready to resume the operation if the rocket fire resumes, security officials said Monday.

The officials said the operation, which included a series of air strikes on weapons factories, during a 10-day period, was intended to end the rocket attacks. The operation was intended to end the rocket attacks. The operation was intended to end the rocket attacks.

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Veggie industry faces bleak future

LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET—THE PROVINCE'S vegetable industry, like other domestic industries, would face a bleak future under a reduced tariff scheme of international trade in the next few years, a group of business leaders said in a paper.

The group, called the Trade Alliance (TAN), recently said in a paper that vegetable farmers' income has been dropping for years because of the low price of vegetables and the low cost of foreign vegetables.

The TAN 234-page paper, the "Trade Alliance Development Agenda," stated the country's trade interests in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), the World Trade Organization (WTO), and its impact on the vegetable industry.

Repeatable industry leaders have recently stressed aspects of the paper.

These commentators, the TAN said, had made the country one of the most open economies in the world, but largely in the adoption of a tariff liberalization policy that has affected all sectors, including agriculture.

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Since the purchase of the Ardenway property by the City government of Manila on December 23, 1985, sending a Division office to the site which the Division of City Schools of Manila can call its own has been the dream of all its past and present school superintendents and division personnel. The building will enable the Division of City Schools to effectively serve the more than 285,111 pupils and students.

For the request of the Division of City Schools, the City School Board approved the yearly allocation of P20 M from the Special Education Fund to finance the construction. Now that enough funds have been secured, DCS Manila feels it is a high time to realize this dream.

To have this administration building built well is an internal necessity for the Division of Manila, for this will not only house the offices of DCS officials but will also serve as the hub for administrative services that will cater to the needs of the 187 school administrators, supervisors, and the more than 15,338 teaching and non-teaching personnel. It will also provide room for seminars, conferences, and meetings which are related to instructional and supervisory matters.

Hence, the move of Mayor Ardenway in pushing for the construction of that building is benefit of any political influence which the said news item tries to insinuate. The construction of the building is a dream coming true for the teachers and non-teaching employees of Diplomat Manila. We are just indeed very fortunate to have the support of our City Mayor who loves and understands what is best for the education sector and for the school children of Manila.

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DENR exec won't extend Quezon log ban suspension

TRINIDAD, QUEZON—THE TOP officials of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in Southern Tagalog Region said they would not recommend the extension of the 90-day temporary suspension of log bans in Quezon which ended yesterday.

"It is not inclined to recommend

the extension of the temporary suspension of the log ban. There are too many dried logs in the gabment," regional DENR Cebu executive director Antonio Principe said in a letter to the DENR regional office in Cebu.

Principe said a representative of the DENR regional office in Cebu

also said that the DENR regional office in Cebu is not inclined to recommend the extension of the temporary suspension of the log ban.

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A TRUCKLOAD of wood that will be used for Quezon's log ban suspension is being inspected by DENR officials in a forest area.

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Germany funds P603M reforestation project

By RUTH A. ANDERSON
AP Wirephoto Service

MANAGUITA CITY—A REFORESTATION project worth about \$60 million will be implemented early next year by the Philippine government and the German government.

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2 cops killed in De Oro rampage

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PMA cadet probed by peers, superiors for cell load theft

NORTHERN PHILIPPINE ARMY (NPA) cadet accused of stealing a mobile phone from a fellow cadet in the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) is being probed by his superiors and peers.

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Graft charges vs Jarque dismissed

By Carla P. Gomes,
IBM Watson Research Center

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In its August issue, the *Washington Post* reports that the president has begun the process of appointing new members to the commission charged with investigating the chaotic collapse of the Panama Canal Zone. The commission is headed by former Ambassador to Panama, James D. Phillips, and includes two other former ambassadors, Thomas L. Green and

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Anger and his wife were held incommunicado, chained, blindfolded and others in conducting surveillance operations for "party personnel."

The complaint said the detainees with leaders had faith and gave others of their official positions to receive harm and injury in Somalia and Pella.

In that time, Anger was commanding general of the Armed Forces National Capital Region

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Intelligence agent claim

SA, Zamboanga—An officer of the Intelligence Services of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) in Zamboanga was shot and killed on Wednesday by a lone gunman during a security check. Zamboanga police director Genito Supt. Ojeda said he identified the shooter as First Sgt. Victor Pangasinan Jr., 34, the man the suspect shot Pangasinan while the latter was making introductions. Pangasinan was wearing a bulletproof vest when the shooting happened. Police

Village coast shot dead

COMMERCIAL *Language*—A violent riot was scheduled on Thursday to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 1890 Wounded Knee massacre. The event was held at the Wounded Knee Indian Reservation in South Dakota. The event was held at the Wounded Knee Indian Reservation in South Dakota. The event was held at the Wounded Knee Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

Pagaya's food first



THE 2013 edition of *Longevity Index* also has featured a Super Index column that lists the top 100 countries in the world by longevity. Paraguay, an island second for marzipanizing, sits fifth of the food basket, featuring banana, banana and banana. (Other countries featured include: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela, Vietnam, and Wales.)

throughland. "The way each child is prepared shows the heart of the people who are simple and loving," said Elora. "We must not

Alay Lakad raises funds for scholars

CITY OF DUBLIN—The Alay Lakad International Fund, Inc. (ALIF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that was founded in 1997. The fund is dedicated to providing financial support to scholars and students in need. The fund has received a grant from the City of Dublin for \$10,000 to support its activities. The fund has also received a grant from the City of Dublin for \$10,000 to support its activities. The fund has also received a grant from the City of Dublin for \$10,000 to support its activities.

The couple agreed to return to the country and took the first flight to Manila the next day rather than remain in detention while waiting for the US officials to determine whether or not they could stay in the U.S. They are living in Manila on Sept. 23.

Malina had visited her parents on visit two and afterwards her Thai boyfriend said they would keep their child out of the recent death of her brother, Capt. Jesse Bernier.

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OFW's death ruled suicide

By Nikko Dizon

THE FILIPINO DOMESTIC HELPER FOUND dead with a slash wound in her neck in the home of her Spanish employer had killed herself.

This was the finding of the autopsy conducted on the remains of Ivy Collantes Bautista by the authorities in Santander, Spain, the Department of Foreign Affairs said yesterday.

In light of the report, Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo instructed Philippine Ambassador to Madrid Joseph Bernardo to "make representations with the appropriate authorities in Santander for another autopsy on Ivy," with a Filipino forensic pathologist observing, according to a DFA statement.

Bernardo had forwarded to Romulo the findings of the Santander police, "which determined suicide as the cause of death," the statement said.

"We take very cautious note of this finding after the legal medical autopsy done on Ivy," Romulo said.

"For this reason, I have instructed the em-

bassy to seek another autopsy and the OUMWA (Office of the Undersecretary for Migrant Workers Affairs) to arrange for the immediate travel to Santander of the husband and uncle of Ivy and—should the Spanish authorities grant our request for a second autopsy—a Philippine forensic pathologist," Romulo said.

Bautista, 27, was found dead on Sept. 27 in her room in the home of her wealthy employer in the coastal town of Santander in northern Spain. Her throat had been slashed.

Initial reports said she was the object of jealousy of the mistress of the house.

Migrant Workers Affairs Undersecretary Jose Brillantes is arranging for the trip to Santander of Bautista's husband Crisanto and uncle Ireneo Maranan.

Brillantes met last weekend with Bautista's family, including her 7-year-old son Kent.

Brillantes said the DFA would be making representations with the Spanish Embassy in Manila to grant visas to Crisanto, Ireneo and a DFA-OUMWA official for this "humanitarian" visit to Spain.

Gov't comes to aid of OFWs

THE DEPARTMENT of Labor and Employment will send social workers to six major destinations of overseas Filipino workers to provide distressed OFWs with counseling services and other forms of assistance.

DOLE International Labor Affairs Services director Merliza Makinano said seven social workers from the Department of Social Welfare and Development will leave next month and stay in their assigned countries for a year.

Leaving next month are Remy Beltran for Hong Kong, Consejo Usman for Riyadh, Vivienne Pinlac for Abu Dhabi, Elena Labrador for Dubai, Josefina Reyes for Lebanon and Milagros Orticio and Delia Bernal for Kuwait.

The seven social workers will monitor the physical and emotional wellbeing of OFWs, provide counseling and help them deal with stress. They will also facilitate social interaction among the workers and teach them livelihood skills that they could use when they return to the Philippines.

The social workers will also visit work sites, hospitals and jails subject to the approval of the host countries and in coordination with Philippine embassy officials.

In a report to Labor Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas, Makinano said the social workers had been briefed by ILAS on the political situation, laws, customs and traditions, and the condition of the OFWs in the host countries.

The top three destinations for OFWs during the first semester of 2005 were the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Hong Kong and the United Arab Emirates, which includes Dubai and Abu Dhabi.

Kuwait and Lebanon ranked sixth and eleventh, respectively, in the OFW destinations during the same period.

Last year, the government deployed eight social workers to Hong Kong, Taichung, Riyadh, Jeddah, Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Kuwait.

This year, DOLE will be sending two social workers to Kuwait because of the substantial number of distressed OFWs that needed assistance there in 2004. *Leila B. Salaverria*

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Parade awaits Miss Int'l in Makati

By Tere V. Quintanilla

AS A VISITOR WELCOME TO A busy open, visitors will soon share Makati City's discovery today to celebrate the business-regularly renowned Makati Festival 2004, the 20th Anniversary of the city.

(Quintanilla, who will be serving today, will be joined by parade float the scene of the business district, City Hall announced last last weekend.

"Makati, a world-class city in

business, welcome a world-class Philippines," said Makati Mayor Joseph Estrada in a statement. (Quintanilla was the former Mayor of the city, who later won 26 years after former Makati Mayor won the position.

Quintanilla, whose wife is the beauty queen of the world, was a welcome break in the nation's political turmoil, would see major activities of the last year-end's starting 3 p.m.

It would be the first time in its

history that traffic in the business district would be disrupted by an event other than demonstrations demanding the arrest of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Quintanilla will be welcomed with a ticker tape parade that will start at the Makati Central Fire Station at the corner of Ed Pazos and Ayala Avenues. It will go down Ayala Avenue up to Triad Drive.

From there, the parade will turn back to the other side of Ayala Avenue, take a right at Makati Avenue, then proceed to the Makati Festival Ground, where organizers will host a short program in Quintanilla's house.

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The parade will be on land in Makati city.

Organizational.

Quintanilla is scheduled to arrive today at 12:55 p.m. from the Philippines Airlines flight 18-401 from Tokyo.

She will be welcomed by dignitaries led by Emilio Aguinaldo Jr., President of the Philippines, and by the Mayor of Makati, Joseph Estrada.

"This has become a national event. It's a great honor to be here," Quintanilla said. "I am looking forward to the Makati Festival 2004."

Quintanilla said that from the start, Quintanilla would be present at the Makati Festival Ground in Makati City and would proceed to the Makati Festival Ground in Makati City.

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Councilor Aiko faces charges for bar brawl

By Tere V. Quintanilla

ROBERTO IN A POSH MAKATI CITY bar man about to read up as dawn yesterday when a brawl broke out between two guests (that included councilor Aiko) and the Makati Police Station (MPS) said yesterday.

Mayor Joseph Estrada, Mayor of the MPS Police Community Division, said the brawl occurred at the open-air dining area of the bar and restaurant in the Makati City.

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Mandaluyong pulls the plug on cyber games

By Edwin C. Tordes Jr.

THE GOVERNMENT OF MANDALUYONG City will no longer allow operators to play computer games on their workstation in City Hall.

They are also prohibited from using equipment and appliances "not vital to the operation of their respective departments."

They can use air conditioning from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. only.

Also, they can no longer use government vehicles outside regular working hours and cannot engage in other activities.

These guidelines, contained in a statement from the City Public Information Office, are aimed at reducing energy consumption in the City Hall by 20 percent.

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About 52 percent of the country's debt stock was denominated in US dollars and 47.8 percent in Moroccan dir.

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Cinemania reels off Oct. 12

Watch out for Ang Lee's gay cowboy romance, 'Brokeback Mountain,' winner of the Venice Golden Lion; and 'Clean,' starring Maggie Cheung in her Cannes-winning performance



Gael Garcia Bernal in "The King"

THE CINEMANIA INTERNATIONAL Film Festival, now on its seventh year, will screen more than a hundred internationally acclaimed films from different countries from Oct. 12-25.

The theme of this year's Cinemania, which is hosted by the City of Manila, is "Bahayin ang Pellsindang Filipino." Cinemania, named after the independent production outfit

formed by the late great filmmaker Lino Brocka, aims to promote Filipino films to world cinema audiences and world cinema to Filipino audiences. It also aims to develop new and independent filmmakers.

For this year, Cinemania festival director Amable "Tito" Aguilar VI and Manila Mayor Lito Alatas said the festival will give more focus on a stronger local counterpart

through the Cinema Indio digital film competition, which promises to award P1.5 million to the grand prize winner, P1 million to the second prize, P750,000 to the third prize, and P100,000 each to seven other finalists.

The festival will also hold the second staging of the Romea International Co-Prodac

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